

"let's take five"
the curl of your hair
the padding of your hands
the beautiful curve
of your mouth
and the long hours
of making gentle love
our bodies locked
I'll remember you
bringing me coffee
in bed among the
books and papers
then coming to bed wet
a steaming red lobster
after a too hot bath
the way you
could make me laugh
of knowing your face
and body so well
and sleeping so close
turning as one
this and so much
more I will remember
the days passing too fast
and how we lavishly used
hours and days and weeks
just being together

-- Linda King

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WHERE DO WE GET ALL THESE BURDENS?

Well, you go to the House of Burdens
and you say
I'll take that one, and that one,
and that one, because they all
look good to you;
and then the Burden Salesman says,
Okay ... they're yours ...

and you have to put them
all on your shoulders and try
to carry them all in one load
because you were greedy
and they are unreturnable.